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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HOOKSETT,

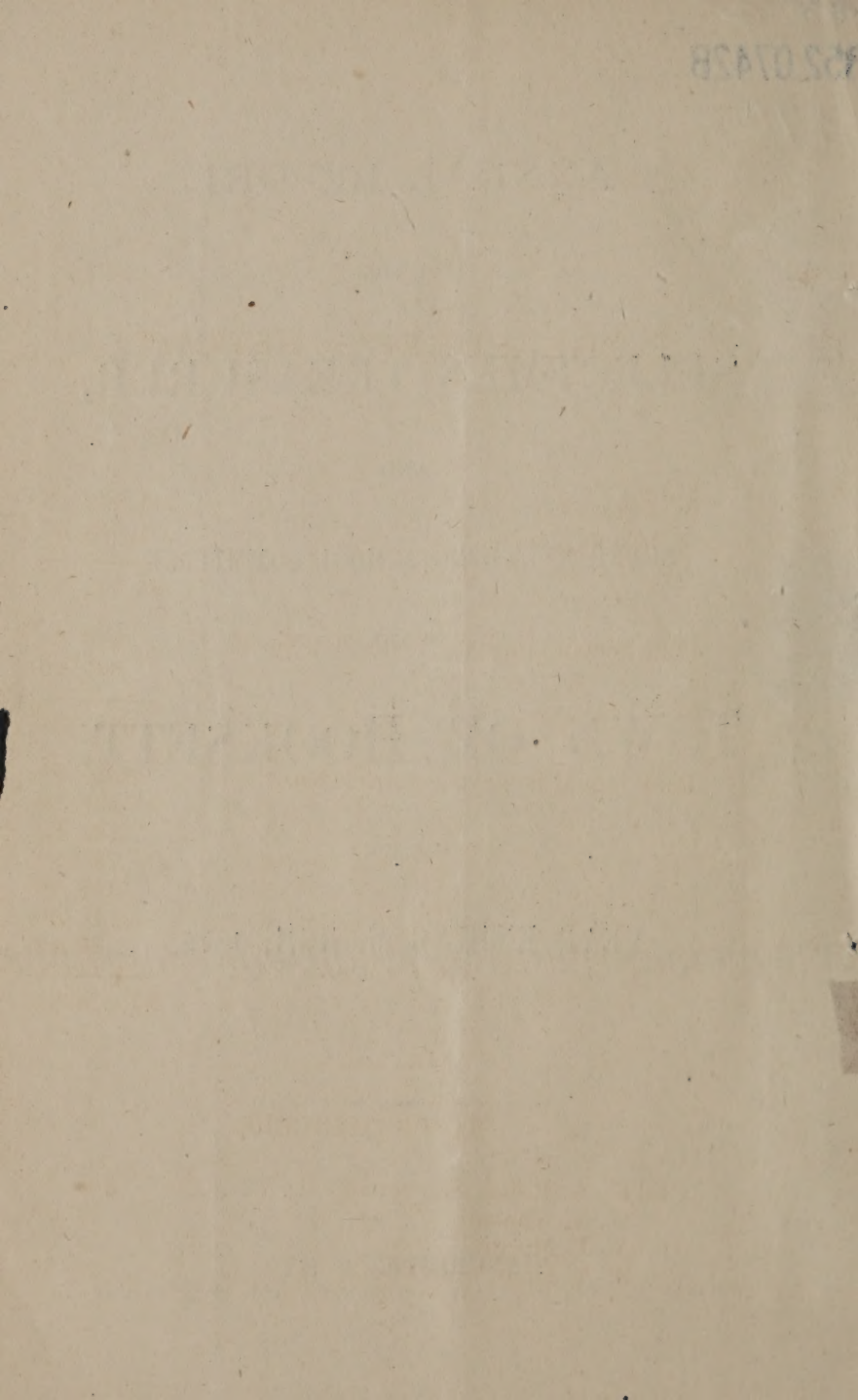
FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1875.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Paid State tax				\$1,860 00
County tax				1,643 57
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				\$3,503 57
Paid School house tax in district No. 2				\$10 50
"	"		4	885 29
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				\$895 79
Paid School money in district No. 1				\$329 93
"	"	"	2	339 39
"	"	"	3	140 63
"	"	"	4	743 92
"	"	"	5	130 52
"	"	"	6	116 00
"	"	"	7	74 42
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				\$1,874 81

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid G. A. Robie, Selectman	\$85 50
D. A. Kimball, "	51 00
A. T. Martin, "	52 50
B. A. Ham, town clerk	25 00

H. B. Otterson, treasurer	20 00
J. E. Robins, school committee	75 00
H. H. Gile, collector	134 00
G. A. Robie, auditor 1874	5 00
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	\$448 00

NOTE AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid Milton McCoy, note and interest	\$849 65
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid abatement on tax list 1872	21 77
“ “ “ 1873	37 10
“ “ “ 1874	20 71
John K. Davis, abatement on tax for 1873	3 50
Peter Kimball, “ “ “	1 50
James Thompson, “ “ “	4 00
Robert B. Neal, error in tax for 1874	8 00
Foster and Whittle, “ “	6 50
Heirs of Gilman Kimball, abatement tax 1874	6 50
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	\$109 58

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid non-resident tax in labor	\$108 93
W. S. Wiggin, labor on highway 1873	9 77
William Hardy, “ “ “	3 62
E. P. Williams, “ “ “	5 50
Josiah Prescott, “ “ “	1 00
S. Ordway, “ “ “	2 50
L. Severance, “ “ “	2 50
M. R. Burbank, “ “ “	15 67

M. D. Stokes,	"	"	"	9	75
M. D. Stokes,	"	"	1874	24	90
A. W. Prescott,	"	"	"	97	77
W. Hardy, labor on	Chester	turnpike		96	75
S. Batchelder, labor on	highway			28	00
J. M. Garland,	"	"		2	00
J. E. Kimball, labor on	Whitehall	road		15	75
G. H. Tufts, labor on	highway and	culvert		54	94
Joseph Dunlap, chestnut	plank			15	31
Mathew Cate, labor on	highway			6	00
J. Colby,	"	"		3	00
C. Colby	"	"		5	75
R. B. Neal	"	"		3	83
Josiah Prescott,	"	"		6	40
George Davis,	"	"		1	10
Jesse Cate,	"	"		3	05
J. S. Johnson,	"	"		6	60
Thomas Jones,	"	"		10	00
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				\$540 39	

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid J. W. Prescott for wood delivered J. Ordway, taking depositions for 1873, and care of Lodging House to June 1, 1873	\$34	00
Mary Carr for nursing Mrs. Hamilton	7	00
R. R. Ordway for sawing wood for do.	2	25
Wm. H. Fisk, printing town reports 1874	30	00
" blank books and stationery	7	62
Mayhew Clark, watering place for 1873	3	00
State Reform School, instruction and maintenance of Frank Whittier from Oct. 31, 1873, to Feb. 1, 1875, county charge	130	86
C. S. Fisher, coffin and robe for Mrs. Hamilton	17	00
G. A. Robie, cash paid county charges, stationery, express bills, &c.	19	20
A. G. Colby, boarding and nursing Mrs.		

Hamilton	28 00
Louisa Gay, support of self and children, county charge	27 00
Rufus Fuller, digging grave	1 50
M. W. Atwood, milk deliv'd Mrs. Stone	3 08
N. Now, boarding and nursing Mrs. Brisow, county charge	7 00
City of Manchester, provisions furnished Mary George	4 00
C. P. Morse, coffin, box and robe for Han- nah Driscoll, county charge,	16 00
J. F. Brown, boarding and clothing Edger- ly child, county charge	65 00
P. C. Rowell, milk delivered Baker family, county charge	1 50
C. P. Morse, coffin for Mrs. Mignault, coun- ty charge	11 00
Mrs. Hobbs, taking care of James Ordway and wife	24 00
James Clark, public watering place for 1874	3 00
Charles Colby, " 1873 & 74	6 00
Mrs. Hagget, boarding and nursing Hannah Driscoll, county charge,	30 00
S. D. McAfee & Co., groceries delivered E. Lacount, county charge,	120 00
Mrs. Kimball, boarding and nursing Joseph Ordway	123 00
John P. Robie, lighting town bridge	20 00
" taking care of town hall	15 00
" wood, lamps and fixtures, repairs on town hall, &c.	25 58
John W. Prescott, wood deliv'd J. Ordway, post for cemetery, taking depositions, &c.	67 08
F. C. Towle, groceries deliv'd J. Ordway	13 96
" " Mary Hayes	15 03
" " A. Fazier	5 90
" " A. Jones	5 05
" Nails for cemetery fence	2 94
" Oil and globes for town bridge	6 20
S. T. Goodale, building shed for lobby and furnishing materials for same	60 00

C. S. Fisher, coffin for Peter Brough child, county charge	5 00
Ira Rowe, watering place for 1873	3 00
Dr. N. Call, returning births,	1 25
E. E. Goodale, beds and bed-clothing fur- nished lobby	15 07
C. K. Walker, surveying lots at cemetery	8 00
L. Goodnough, making blinds, setting glass &c. for lobby	7 35
A. W. Prescott, coffin for Louis Geigers	6 78
Webster, Morrill & Danforth, insurance on town bridge	83 00
F. C. Towle, groceries delivered E. Lacount, 1873	5 10
F. C. Towle, beds and bedding delivered Baker family, county charge	69 47
E. A. Robie, labor on cemetery fence	12 00
D. F. Wells, " "	18 75
A. T. Martin, guideboards	3 00
B. A. Ham, guarding small pox house, coun- ty charge	72 00
W. D. Perkins, do. county charge	42 00
R. K. Gilbert, cleansing small pox house, county charge	6 00
J. L. Fitts, perambulating town line	3 00
" surveying new road near W. S. Martin's	3 00
W. H. Davis, moving Mrs. A. Jones to Manchester	5 00
Pearson & Wallace, coffin and robe for A. Jones, and express &c.	19 00
R. B. Neal, watering place for 1874	3 00
A. Lord, Digging grave	1 50
H. P. Gage, railroad tickets to Lawrence, county charge	2 10
Dr. A. M. Dam, vaccinating poor persons	5 00
B. W. Sanborn & Co., blank books	2 00
Dr. J. R. Kimball, medical attendance on A. Jones,	24 00
Natt Otterson, wood delivered to A. Jones	2 25
D. L. Stevens, cost on road hearing	217 27

S. Head, house rent and wood delivered	
Mrs. Hamilton	39 00
A. H. Lowell, lantern frames for town bridge	4 00
Pike & Heald, lanterns and kerosene lamps for bridge	19 75
J. Haggett, house rent and papering house &c. on account of small pox	25 00
Mrs. Bennett, support self and family, county charge	59 00
S. D. McAfee & Co., groceries delivered	
Mrs. Bennett, county charge	29 62
J. R. Michaud, R. R. tickets to Montreal, county charge	9 25
A. M. Rowe, boarding and clothing Gibbs children	104 86
Dr. Ira H. Adams, medical attendance on Jane Labare, county charge	5 00
Dr. Ira H. Adams, returning births and deaths	1 00
A. T. Martin, lodging transient poor and car fares	3 30
E. E. Goodale, taking charge of burial of town paupers	9 00
F. P. Poor public watering place for 1874	3 00
Mayhew Clark " " "	3 00
A. W. Prescott " " "	3 00
E. E. Goodale, taking care of hearse	5 00
" " station house	32 40
" wood furnished "	6 00
" provision furnished " &c.	15 60
G. A. Robie, writing town reports, 1874	5 00
" repairing hearse, hinges &c. for cemetery fence	4 25
G. A. Robie, collecting balance of tax list for 1872 and 1873	27 36
Dr. H. Gage, medical attendance on county paupers	31 00
Dr. H. Gage, medical attendance on town paupers	33 00
Dr. H. Gage, returning births and deaths 1873 and 1874	10 50
N. & Wm. F. Head, public watering place	

for 1873 and 1874	6 00
N. & Wm. F. Head, boards and stakes for cemetery	49 96
N. & Wm. H. Head land taken for cemetery	75 00
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	\$2,221 49

RECEIPTS OF TREASURER.

Amount in hands treasurer March 1, 1874	\$1,250 27
Received of G. A. Robie, collector for 1873	598 93
H. H. Gile, " 1874	6,700 71
Savings bank tax	1,236 84
Railroad tax	586 93
Literary fund	80 36
Insurance tax	33 75
United States bounty	128 00
Of Mrs. Hamilton,	7 25
John P. Robie, use of town hall	48 00
E. A. Robie, old fence at cemetery	4 00
Merrimack County for the support of pan- pers	745 18
W. G. Rowell, lot No. 93 at cemetery	15 00
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	\$11,435 22

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

State tax	\$1,860 00
County tax	1,643 57
School house tax	895 79
School money	1,874 81
Town officers	448 00
Notes and interest paid	849 65
Abatement of taxes	109 58
Roads and bridges	540 39
Miscellaneous bills	2,221 49
Balance in treasury	991 94
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	\$11,435 22

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Outstanding bills estimated	50 00
Amount due the town for the support of county paupers, since Feb. 1, 1875 estimated at	25 00
Amount due on tax list of 1872 and, 1873	195 62
Amount due from H. H. Gile, collector for 1874	369 23
Heirs of Mary A. Remmington lot in cemetery	6 00
Arthur I. Lawrence,	6 00
E. E. Goodale,	6 00
Silas T. Goodale,	6 00
Edwin Pronk,	6 00
William O. Gordon,	15 00
E. T. Head,	15 00
Heirs of John Tennant,	15 00
Heirs of J. Philbrick,	15 00
Earl Smith,	15 00
Heirs of John Prescott, 2 lots	30 00
Amount in treasury,	991 94

\$1,716 79

Balance in favor of the town \$1,666 79

GEORGE A. ROBIE, } *Selectmen*
 DAVID A. KIMBALL, } *of*
 ALFRED T. MARTIN, } *Hooksett.*

This is to certify that I have audited the treasurer's and selectmen's accounts and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORIN J. PRESCOTT. *Auditor.*

Hooksett, Feb. 25, 1875.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

Gen. Natt Head, prudential committee. Miss Allie Putnam, of this town taught the summer term. Miss Putnam was faithful in her work. The scholars made commendable progress.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Flora L. Haines, of Manchester. Miss Haines is an energetic, thorough, practical teacher. The scholars advanced slowly, but surely. The examinations were highly satisfactory.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Luther Upham, prudential committee. Miss Lawrence, of Plymouth, taught the summer term. Miss Lawrence's literary qualifications were good; method of instruction excellent; but she failed in discipline. She lacked that *tact* in teaching so necessary for success. The term was not the most profitable.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Becca L. George, of Manchester. Miss George is a *live* teacher and consequently had a *live* school. We were pleased with the work accomplished.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

E. T. Wentworth, prudential committee. The sum-

mer term was taught by Miss Emma E. Neal. Miss Neal is at home in the school-room. She managed her school well, and taught acceptably.

The fall term was taught by Miss Nellie M. Wentworth. The district was well pleased with her efforts. The school was a good one.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

Daniel S. Dutton, prudential committee. The school year was divided into three terms. The primary department was taught by Miss Jennie Abbott, of Concord. Miss Abbott is a very superior teacher. She is patient, firm, enthusiastic, thorough. The school was a great success.

The grammar school was taught by Miss M. C. Davis. Miss Davis has done a grand work for this school. The improvement during the year has been *very* marked. We congratulate this district on having secured the services of such practical teachers for the two years past.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

Abram Mitchell, prudential committee. The summer term was taught by Miss H. A. Prescott, (Mrs. A. W. Head,) of this town. The school was pleasant and made good improvement. Miss May J. Dennison, of Suncook, taught the winter term. Miss Dennison is very genial in the school-room, and gave the best of satisfaction to the district.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

O. J. Piper, prudential committee. The school in this district was divided into two terms, summer and fall. Miss Annie R. Cox, of Holderness, taught both terms. The terms were short, the number of scholars was small, the attendance very irregular, and but very little interest was manifest. None of the parents were present at any of the examinations. The teacher could not accomplish very much, laboring under such disadvantages.

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

O. J. Prescott, prudential committee. Miss Lotta A. Reynolds, of Windham, taught both summer and fall terms.

This was Miss Reynolds first experience in teaching. She succeeded admirably. The school was well conducted. The scholars were obedient and studious and did well in their examinations.

REMARKS.

The schools in town are in a fair condition. Good teachers have, in the main, been secured and good results have followed. Though the schools are not all we could desire, yet we find in them much to commend. In selecting a teacher too much care cannot be exercised. Every lady-like young woman is not always a profitable teacher.

Too many attempt to teach school for a few terms, more for the money than for any special fitness or liking for their work. If possible a teacher should be secured whose services can be retained, if desired, for a series of terms. A district where the school is short cannot afford to break in a new teacher every term. It takes time for teachers and pupils to get acquainted so as to work successfully together, and so the term is closed before any great advancement is made.

Every teacher has her own peculiar notions as to *what* and *how* to teach. When changes are frequent scholars get perplexed and discouraged; they soon lose all interest in study and seize upon any excuse to remain at home.

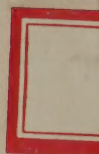
In some districts we were pained to notice a sad lack of interest in the school on the part of the parents. Few if any were present at the examinations, or visited the school during the term; consequently the children regarded school matters to be of very little account and conducted themselves accordingly. This was *not* the case in our *best* schools.

Teachers, who have never taught in town, ought *always* to present themselves before the S. S. Committee, for examination some weeks before the opening of the term. We think the prudential committee are, frequently greatly at fault in neglecting this. Should the teacher be examined on the morning in which the school was to open, or after it had commenced, and be rejected, it might occasion some embarrassment to the teacher and the district. We hope that in the future such a case will be impossible. In conclusion we would strongly recommend the union of districts number six and seven. We can see *no* reason against, but *many* in favor of such a movement. We trust this matter may be taken into consideration without delay.

J. E. ROBBINS, *Supt. School Committee.*

Hooksett, Feb. 26, 1875.





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